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The applicant argued that Campo et al. fail to provide any teaching or suggestion for combination of an air curtain located at one end of a housing and first water curtain that define a pre-cleaning section of a housing.

This argument is unpersuasive because for a finding of obviousness within the meaning of 103, the references themselves need not explicitly suggest the combination of their features where all the references pertain to the same field of endeavor. The test is what the combined teachings of the references, taken collectively would have suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art (see Cable elec. Prods., Inc. V. Genmark, Inc., 770 F.2d 1015, 1025, 226 USPQ 881, 886-87 (Fed. Cir. 1985 and In re Keller, 642 F.2d 413, 425, 208 USPQ 871, 881 (CCPA 1981)). Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have combine the teaching of Payzant in the apparatus of Campo et al. to include a water curtain for separating different section from each other and reduce the mixing of the different liquids with each other. Water curtain and air curtain are known for separating two different chambers from each other in the art as disclosed by Campo et al. and Payzant. Therefore, separating different chambers either with water curtain, air curtain or combination of air and water curtains would have been obvious choices and can find the effectiveness of air curtain or water curtain by routine experiments.

The applicant argued that JP '459 does not provide or suggestion for a pressure of a jetted cleaning liquid that is in the range from 0.2 to 0.4 Mpa.

This argument is not persuasive because all the references are using pump for jetting liquid. Therefore, pumps are capable of jetting the liquid in the claimed pressure range. Further,

is well known in the semiconductor art to use jetted liquid in this range for cleaning semiconductor.

Applicant's arguments filed February 24, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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